

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Term 3.

On Tuesday the 20th of January, we were delighted to welcome SUMDOG to Glengowan. We were offered this opportunity because of the high level of participation among our pupils. The children were very excited when he came into the hall for a special assembly. As I shared in the December Newsletter, the November contest results were exceptional. 9 of our children finished in the Top 20, with 4 in the Top 10. The overall winner was a Glengowan pupil. In the 'Daily Winner' category, 5 of the 7 days were won by a Glengowan class.



Mrs Kilgallon's Update

As we move through Term 3, this is a particularly important and exciting time for our school community. We are preparing to welcome a number of new children who will be joining us in August, coming from both our own nursery and our local community nurseries. While the children have not yet been into school as part of our formal transition programme, a great deal of preparation is already underway to ensure that when the time comes, they feel confident, supported, and ready for this next step. This period allows us to plan carefully and thoughtfully so that every child's start with us is a positive and happy one.

In my role as Depute Head, I am proud to work alongside our staff, families, and local nursery partners to help make each child's transition into school a happy and confident one. Taking the time now to build relationships and share information makes a real difference, and we are committed to creating a friendly, welcoming environment where every child and family feels supported and excited about starting school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new children and families in August.

Young Leaders of Learning

The The Young Leaders of Learning have been busy preparing for an exciting visit from our partner schools on Tuesday 24th February. As part of their preparations, the pupils have been exploring and considering where visitors would be able to see learning in action and experience the welcoming, inclusive ethos that we are proud of. This planning has helped the Young Leaders think carefully about how our environment supports positive behaviour, engagement and wellbeing.

The focus of the visit will be HGIOURS – Theme 1: Leadership of Change, with a particular emphasis on how positive relationships are developed and sustained across the school. The Young Leaders will highlight the respectful interactions they see between pupils and staff, how learners support one another, and the ways in which everyone contributes to a calm, caring and purposeful learning environment. This visit will give our partners a valuable insight into how relationships at Glengowan help create a culture where children feel safe, valued and ready to learn.



Tesco Stronger Starts

We are delighted to let you know that our application for Tesco Stronger Starts has been selected for the customer vote in Motherwell Tesco Express. Voting has started. You can vote for Glengowan in the Bellshill and Carfin Express stores as well.



Here is a message from Jessica Ennis-Hill.

<https://strongerstarts.tesco.com/video/a0ee6207-90ad-4dcd-9fe0-6cd49b8a462e>

Mrs Allison's Update

It's great to be back with all of our sports clubs up and running again at Glengowan. Tom is continuing with his football, and our girls are eagerly looking forward to their next festival in a few weeks. Netball club is also back in action, with numbers growing and lots more children taking part. We are excited to be heading to our next netball festival in February.

Our P3 and P4 children are thoroughly enjoying their multisports club, and we look forward to offering this opportunity to our P2 children in the future. Our Athletics Club is also going strong, running every Friday and providing another fantastic opportunity for children to stay active. We are delighted to share that we now have a sports club running every day at Glengowan.

Saving the best news until last—our Sports Hall Athletics team came home with **silver medals** and will now progress to the South Lanarkshire Finals at the Ally McCoist Centre. We are incredibly proud of not only their performance, but also their team spirit and excellent sportsmanship.

Finally, we hope to be able to offer a **Dance Club** in the near future, so please keep your eyes peeled for more information coming out soon.



A group of our children took part in the Holocaust Memorial Event on the 27th January. They were part of a choir consisting of children from Primary Schools in the Larkhall Learning Community. Their performance at Larkhall Academy was excellent.



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1**

Important dates

Friday 6th February	2.15pm Community Cafe
Tuesday 10th February	Nursery stay and play (pm)
Thursday 12th February	Nursery stay and play (am)
Monday 16th February	Holiday
Tuesday 17th February	Holiday
Wednesday 18th February	In-Service Day (closed to children)
Thursday 26th February	7pm Parent Group Meeting



The money collected for nativity tickets will be donated to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. Many attendees also made a further donation. Thank you for this support. Over £400 was raised.

Toys

Toys should not be brought to school. These cause a distraction in the classroom and often are the reason arguments among children begin. Please note that we take no responsibility for valuable items. Toys should be kept at home.

Our Community cafe returns on Friday the 6th of February.

Pre-school children are welcome to attend with adults.

This event is not for P1-7 children.



*Yours faithfully,
Graeme Murray
Head Teacher*

